

## **November 2015**

### **Prize Giving**

This ceremony is always a special event, because we celebrate the academic achievements of our learners as well as their participation in a variety of activities and competitions.

#### ***Top Learners***

These learners were the top performers in each grade based on their performance with us.

Grade 6 – Gugu Mashego

Grade 7 – Mmathabo Maebela

Grade 8 – Nthabiseng Maile

Grade 9 – Moeketsi Mashibini



#### ***Scholarship recipients***

We are always delighted when learners who apply for scholarships are successful. Life for the following children will be hugely different as they start their high school careers in new schools. We wish them every success. Congratulations!

Kamogelo Malatsi – Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy  
Heritance Mathebula – Allan Gray – St Andrew's  
Lenthatile Motloung – Make A Difference Leadership Foundation – Jeppe Girls

#### ***Gift of the Gab Award – Sipho Thanjekwayo***

This award goes to a young person who has shown growth and potential, who is assertive, confident, demonstrates leadership qualities and is able to address an audience.

Sipho is an ambassador/mentor at the Chaeli Campaign - a non-profit advocating for the rights of children with disabilities. He is also the co-founder and Head of Education at YAC - Young Agents of Change. This community organisation aims to empower the youth using education and entrepreneurship as tools.

#### ***Parting message from the 2015 Grade 9's***

The parting message from the 2015 Grade 9s summarises the extent to which our programme is appreciated.

uBambiswano, this is our message to you:

You took us from so many different schools and places, you brought us together and made us friends. You've been a mother to 100 children in a very special and unique learning environment. Teachers, we appreciate your time, perseverance and dedication. We got to know you and we

learned to appreciate each one of you for all that you did. You are our role models, you understand us, you love, comfort and care for us. You guide us and you give us hope.

To those coming up behind us - risk more than is required. Learn more than is normal. Be strong. Show courage. Breathe. Excel. Love. Lead. Speak your truth. Live your values. Laugh. Cry. Innovate. Simplify. Strive for mastery. Release mediocrity. Stay humble. Be kinder than is expected.

uBambiswano, don't lose courage or focus because what you do matters. Continue to change and touch peoples' hearts and lives because it is what you do best. Life is hard at times but you manage to put a smile on our faces. We have achieved some of our goals. We have gained confidence, a sense of independence and strength to make our future happen. We can continue to dream. We will take you wherever we go because you are part of who we have become.

Thank you for coming into our lives. We will miss you.



Prize giving group!